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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 05-16-2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the response did not detail how the amended drawings show the claimed "elastic valve member". The drawings do show a member attached to an elastic member (spring), but applicant has claimed both types of valves indicating that there is a difference between the two valves. Therefore the drawings still do not show the claimed "elastic valve member" and the response does not state the deficiencies of this objection. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant should also review the pending claims for possible double patenting rejection in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,918,389.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn K. Dawson whose telephone number is 571-272-4694. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anhtuan T. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-4963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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